

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

NEWS, FACT, AND GOSSIP.

Mr. Barber's Chances for the Cabinet.—The impression prevails here that the movement on the part of Virginia to place Mr. Barber in the Cabinet will result in making him Postmaster-General. He is admirably suited to this position because of his experience as a railroad official. Apart from this he has the administrative ability necessary for the place. All the Virginia delegation want Mr. Barber in the Cabinet, and for some time have been urging him to accept their assistance in his behalf. It is now understood that he will accept if appointed. It seems to be conceded that Senator Garland will be made Attorney-General. That also looks well for the South, because nothing will be done by him tending to do injustice to your section. Those who knew him when at Richmond when a member of the Confederate Congress will concur in this opinion.

THE NAVY-YARDS.

The Senate to-day determined to send the Naval Committee to look after the navy yards, including that at Norfolk. It would be better to give us a navy, for at present our vessels are not capable of competing with those of a negro republic. When we have a Democratic President and a Congress in sympathy with him things will be different. Then it will remain one of the days of Deacons, Lawrence, and others, who made our naval vessels the pride of Americans.

VIRGINIA AND NEW JERSEY.

I hear that Representative McAdoo, of New Jersey, will on next Wednesday lead to the altar at "Bon Air." Miss Eva L. Hardy. He is one of the youngest and most eloquent members of the House, and during his tour through the South with Mr. Randall he greatly enhanced his reputation as a speaker. He will lecture in Richmond on the 25th of February for the benefit of the uniform fund of Company E, First Virginia regiment. A treat is in store for those who hear him.

THE ILLINOIS SENATORSHIP.

The Republicans this morning were not as hopeful about the election of Logan as they were a week ago. They seem to fear that the nomination of Morrison by the Democrats will draw votes from them. The legislative vote, however, is a tie between the Republicans, with an Independent to give the casting vote. He is Speaker of the House of Delegates, and both sides hope to get him. To-night Mr. Morrison's friends seem to be very hopeful, but doubtful things are very uncertain.

THE CABINET—MR. CLEVELAND'S VISITORS.

The following are spoken of to-night in connection with Cabinet positions: Senators Garland, Bayard, and Jones, and Representative Barbour. Ex-Senator Gordon is also a name mentioned. Mr. Cleveland, however, is as reticent as a Mason and does not let out his secrets. Senator Voorhees and Representative Barndollar will go to-morrow to confer with him. Senators Lamar and Jones and Representative Lowry, of Indiana, went to-day. The incoming President is evidently determined to get the best possible advice in regard to the selection of his constitutional advisers. In doing this he gives assurance to his Cabinet that he will make his administration a thoroughly Democratic one.

THE EFFECT OF THE NEW RULES.

The passage of the new rules, allowing an hour to be devoted to calling up bills without there being ten objections, resulted to-day in the passage of three public-billings. This looks well for your Richmond bill, as your representative is constantly on the alert for its passage. But for the few days remaining until the 14th of March, the bill to improve the road to the Federal cemetery near Richmond could be passed.

THE SILVER QUESTION IN THE SENATE.

Mr. Bayard, in the Senate to-day, called up the trade-dollar bill, and advocated their recoinage into standard dollars.

THE RIVER-AND-HARBOR BILL.

This bill was discussed in the House to-day afternoon, and a number of speeches were made. It will pass before the end of the week. The advocates of the appropriation for Galveston harbor do not seem to be well organized.

A MEETING OF GEORGIAN.

It was understood to-day that the Georgia representatives had a meeting and endorsed General Gordon for a Cabinet position or some other place commensurate with his ability and services as a Democrat.

THE CALLERS ON THE PRESIDENT-ELECT.

A New Yorker told me to-day that ex-President Conkling would call on President Cleveland while he was at New York. He further said that Mr. Cleveland had not yet determined as to his Cabinet, and would not do so until after his conference with those invited to confer with him.

BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

There was a fierce tilt to-day between Representatives Breckinridge and Reed. The son of the Vice-President bore himself gallantly, and the Maine representative looked like "the grandfather's clock."

THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs will recommend a new commission on Venezuela to-day. Senator Mahone to-day reported in the Senate a bill to obtain real estate on which a post-office building is to be erected in Washington.

GOVERNMENT RECEIPTS TO-DAY.

Internal revenue, \$329,614; customs, \$578,536.

THE PROCEEDINGS IN THE SENATE.

The Senate very dull.

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SHOOTING AFFAIR IN TAWSELL COUNTY.

A letter from Tawseell County, dated the 4th, says: To-day I hear from entirely reliable sources that a respectable young farmer named Reid was shot and killed on Indian creek, in this county, by George Harman, a well-known and well-to-do citizen of Dry Fork. The shooting occurred at the house of a man named Moore, near the Sudan line. I have not heard any particular except that Harman escaped after doing the shooting, and has not been apprehended.

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NORFOLK NOTES.

The Harbor Appropriation—Accidentally.

NORFOLK, February 5, 1885.—It is now settled, says Henry Lamb, that Norfolk will get \$50,000 for widening the channel between Lambert's Point and Port Norfolk, and an additional \$50,000 for the river and harbor. Yesterday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock, while some small boys were practicing at a target in Henry Fink's shooting-gallery, Mrs. Fink walked between the barrels of a small rifle and the target, and was shot in the neck. Her condition is slightly improved this morning, though the attending physician thinks it doubtful if she will recover. The ball has not been extracted, but it is now "doing" thirty days in Alexandria for swelling.

STEAMER SUNK—A LETTER FROM MR. NORFOLK.

NORFOLK, Va., February 5.—The steamer *Norwood*, of the Norfolk and Southern railroad, was sunk in Pamlico Sound to-day. The Baker Salvage Company has gone to her assistance. Hon. John Goode will publish a letter in the Norfolk papers to-morrow in answer to a written request asking him to offer for the gubernatorial nomination, declaring he would under no circumstances accept.

HAMPTON NOTES.

A Correction—Slight Fire.

HAMPTON, Va., Feb. 5, 1885.—In your issue of to-day, in noting the trial for Dr. Pitts, you state "he was convicted of the murder of Dr. Thoms," which is a mistake. He was convicted of the murder of Dr. Thoms L. Walter on Tangier's Island, Accomack county, Va.

A fire at the store of L. L. Gutridge.

A fire at the store of L. L. Gutridge, on the street fronting the court, caused much excitement, but did little damage, as it was quickly extinguished. It is supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

The Little Norrell in Bristol.

STONEMAN JACKSON'S RIDING-HORSE ARRIVED HERE THIS AFTERNOON ON ROUTE FOR NEW ORLEANS. He was taken to Pennington's stable, where he spent several hours resting and receiving his friends. Quite a number of ladies and gentlemen of the town called on him in spite of the mud and falling rain. Most of the ladies wanted a look of his hair, which was polished and combed by the groom, and then they left in charge. While here his picture was taken. We all wish him a safe and pleasant trip to the Exposition.

Governor Hendricks in Georgia.

ATLANTA, Ga., February 5.—Hon. Thomas A. Hendricks and party reached Atlanta this morning at 4 o'clock in a special car. At 8 o'clock they were escorted to the Kimball House, where breakfast was served. The company they met at breakfast consisted of about thirty prominent citizens. A large crowd was congregated about the hotel. The Mayor introduced Mr. Hendricks, who addressed the people from the balcony. He said:

Gentlemen of the State of Georgia:

I did not expect to receive this welcome at your hands to-day. I accept it as a tribute from a great State of this Union—a State that is firmly united with the great States of Indiana, from which I come. [Applause.] I accept it with pleasure, because it is an honor done me by the people themselves. We have recently in the North as well as in the South passed through a great political contest; I think the greatest the country has ever seen. It has resulted, in my judgment, more gloriously than any other for the first time in a great many years to be placed under the management of Democrats. [Applause.] I believe that the change will be for the better of our country, but of the white race, but of the colored race of our country, so many of whom I see here to-day. Did you observe that of the millions of votes cast the question was finally decided upon the ballots of 1,142 men in the State of New York? This great country had its political fortunes decided by a small number of men, and it came to be known that there was a majority of 1,142 for Cleveland and Hendricks in the State of New York; it was known the country had gone for the Democrats, and that the difference of 1,142 votes decided the judgment of fifty-four millions of people. So grand a spectacle has never been witnessed in any country of the world. It is the force of sentiment that the majority shall govern, and Republicanism, North and South, now bend their heads in respect to the judgment of the majority, as the Democrats have done in the past; and it is not an evidence of increased union between all sections of the country? It was not in the South that small difference controlled the vote. It was not in this Empire State of Georgia that a small majority controlled fifty-four millions of people, but it was a northern State of people, that the majority of 1,142 was given; and North and South that became the judgment of all the people; so I think I can say to you that we stand in union more firmly to-day than ever before. [Applause.]

After the speaking the ladies were driven around the city and the gentlemen proceeded to the hall of the House of Representatives, where a reception was held, and several hundred persons were present to greet the Vice-President-elect. The party left for Birmingham at 10 o'clock, and will proceed from there to the New Orleans Exposition. Much enthusiasm was manifested over Mr. Hendricks.

President-elect Cleveland in New York.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.] NEW YORK, February 5.—The hallways and lobbies of the Victoria Hotel, where President-elect Cleveland is stopping, were alive with visitors to-day. Among the callers on the President-elect were William H. Barlow, of Mississippi; Vance, of North Carolina; Jonas, of Louisiana; and Gorman, of Maryland; General Hancock; General Franklin, of Connecticut; General Frye; Colonel Goode, of Virginia; General Stephenson, of Illinois; Judge Moulton, of Illinois; Mayor Grace, of New York; and William C. Whitney. The statement made to-day morning that the National Association of the 4th instant had been organized, and that it would wait on Governor Cleveland, is said to be without foundation. Governor Cleveland will return to Albany on Saturday afternoon.

LATE WEATHER REPORT.

(Special telegram to the Dispatch.)

WASHINGTON, February 5.—A. M.—For the Middle Atlantic States, light snow, followed by colder, clearing weather, northerly winds, higher barometer. For the South Atlantic States, rain and snow, followed by colder, clearing weather, north to west winds, higher barometer. The weather in Richmond yesterday was clear in the morning and cloudy and raining in the evening.

Range of Thermometer Yesterday.

6 A. M. 43
9 A. M. 47
Noon 63
3 P. M. 63
6 P. M. 56
Midnight 50
Mean temperature 53.4

FURIOUS FLAMES.

Devastating Conflagration in New York—Loss Estimated at \$2,500,000.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.] NEW YORK, February 5.—One of the largest fires ever witnessed in New York in a long time broke out at midnight in the wine-vaults of Steinhardt Brothers, 112 and 114 Wooster street. The flames spread with frightful rapidity throughout the building, and owing to the inflammable nature of the contents, the fire department was unable to cope with the devouring element. The fire gained such headway that the entire fire department of the lower part of the city was called out to quench it. This six-story iron building, extending from 108 to 114 Wooster street and from 97 to 105 Green street, was in town by Bernard & Muller. At 1:30 A. M. the roof of building crashed in, and shortly afterwards the walls caved in, crushing the adjoining house. Contiguous to the burning structure were a number of tenement-houses, and Captain McDonnell, of the Eighth precinct, cleared the inmates out, and has now about fifty families in his station-house. Opposite the burning building is a row of tenements, and the intense heat from the blazing structure has cracked the walls on the other side of the street.

At 2 o'clock A. M. the entire block bounded by Spruce, Prince, Wooster, and Green streets was threatened. The loss at that time was estimated at \$1,500,000.

Fire in Laurens, S. C.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.] AUGUSTA, Ga., February 5.—A destructive fire occurred at Laurens, S. C., this morning. Eight stores, with their stocks of merchandise, were consumed.

Steamship in Distress.

[By telegraph to the Dispatch.] NEW YORK, February 5.—The steamship *Tallahassee*, which arrived to-day from Savannah, reports that on February 3d, at 3:30 P. M., she passed the steamship *William Kennedy*, of and from Baltimore for Charleston, with a shaft broke and leaking badly; took St. Paul, intending to run her into Cape Henry. After towing an hour she parted hawser, and finding the leak gaining rapidly, with a bad sea and night coming on, Captain Parker and officers concluded to abandon towing and leave the ship. They transferred the crew, numbering twenty-one, without accident to the steamship *Tallahassee*.

Muzz'ng the Press in Germany.

[By cable to the Dispatch.] BERLIN, February 5.—The Government seized the entire edition of yesterday's *Dalsger Zeitung*, a Liberal paper, because of the radical tone of its Hamburg correspondence. The seizure is considered an extraordinary action on the part of the Government, and is the first case of the seizure of a newspaper which has occurred here within the past twenty years.

KILT SU